

Remarks

Claims 1 to 8 are pending. Claim 2 has been canceled.

The title was objected to for being too long. Applicant submits that the proposed new title addresses the objection

Claims 1 to 8 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,285,358. Without acquiescing, Applicant submits that the terminal disclaimer filed herewith renders this rejection moot, and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

§ 103 Rejections

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,521,596 (Selker) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,541, 622 (Engle). Applicant disagrees. Without acquiescing and for the purpose of advancing prosecution, Applicant submits that the rejection is rendered moot by the canceling of claim 2. Reconsideration and withdrawal are requested.

Applicant submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and request early indication of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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